

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice

Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Illinois Portion of the Chicago-Naperville, Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin (IL-IN-WI) 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (“Illinois EPA”) Bureau of Air is accepting comments on the draft “Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Illinois Portion of the Chicago Ozone Nonattainment Area for the 2008 Ozone Standard.” The redesignation request and maintenance plan will be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“USEPA”) as a State Implementation Plan (“SIP”) revision to address Sections 107 and 175A of the Federal Clean Air Act (“CAA”). The Illinois EPA is also required to submit information pertaining to the base year, nonattainment year, and projected maintenance year inventories under CAA Section 172(c)(3), and the motor vehicle emissions budget requirements under Section 176(c), all of which are included in the redesignation request and maintenance plan document.

On March 27, 2008, USEPA revised the primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard (“NAAQS”) for ozone to 0.075 for the 8-hour standard and revised the secondary standard to be identical to the primary standard. Based on certified, quality-assured air monitoring data for calendar years 2009 to 2011, USEPA designated the Illinois counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will, as well as Aux Sable and Goose Lake Townships in Grundy County, and Oswego Township in Kendall County as nonattainment for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS. Together with the Indiana counties of Lake and Porter, and Pleasant Prairie Township and Somers Township in Kenosha County, Wisconsin, the area was identified as the Chicago-Naperville IL-IN-WI nonattainment area (“Chicago NAA”).

The Chicago NAA’s ambient air quality monitoring data has shown attainment of the 2008 Ozone NAAQS in the calendar years 2017-2019 and continuing to the present. Ozone air quality has improved due to permanent and enforceable emission control measures that have been implemented by the States of Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin, and the federal government. The proposed maintenance plan provides for continued attainment of the 2008 Ozone NAAQS for a period of at least ten years after USEPA has redesignated the area to attainment. The maintenance plan provides assurances that, even if there is a subsequent violation of the NAAQS, contingency measures will be triggered that will prevent any future occurrences. Upon approval by the USEPA of the applicable SIP revisions submitted by the Illinois EPA, Illinois will have a fully-approved SIP for the Illinois portion of the Chicago area under CAA Section 110(k).

The Illinois EPA is accepting written comments and requests for public hearing regarding the proposed redesignation request and maintenance plan. Written comments and requests for hearing must be received by the Illinois EPA by April 24, 2020. Comments, questions, or requests for public hearing should be directed to Brad Frost, Office of Community Relations, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 1021 North Grand Ave. East P.O. Box 19506,

Springfield, IL 62794-9506, phone 217/782-7027, TDD phone number 866/273-5488, brad.frost@illinois.gov .

If a timely request for a public hearing is received by Illinois EPA prior to the end of the comment period, a public hearing will be scheduled through a separate notice and held to receive comments regarding the redesignation request and maintenance plan. If a public hearing is conducted, the written public comment period will be extended as provided for in the separate notice. The hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Informational and Quasi-Legislative Public Hearings," set forth in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 164. If no request for a public hearing is received by April 24, 2020, no hearing will be scheduled. A verification of whether a hearing will be held will be posted on the Illinois EPA's website within five business days subsequent to the end of the comment period. Those notices will be posted at <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/Pages/general-notices.aspx>

This notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 110(l) of the CAA regarding public notice for SIP submittals, 42 USC Sec. 7410(l).